

MINUTES
STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES
WORK SESSION
May 15, 2003

The State Board for Community and Junior Colleges (SBCJC) met for dinner at 6:00 p.m. at the Jackson Hilton in Jackson, Mississippi, on May 15, 2003. Following dinner, board members and staff moved to the Diplomat Room in the Hotel.

The following members were present: Major General Denver Brackeen, Mrs. Sara Fox, Mr. Napoleon Moore, Dr. Dorothy Nelson and Mr. George Walker. Members Absent: Mr. Jimmy Murphy, Ms. Patricia Randall, Mr. Lawrence Warren, Mrs. Brenda Yonge and Ms. Veldore Young. SBCJC staff present included: Dr. Wayne Stonecypher, Dr. Larry Day, Mrs. Deborah Gilbert, Mr. Jim Southward, Mrs. Denise Walley, and Dr. Evelyn Webb. Others present were: Dr. Bill Smith with IHL and Ms. Frankie White with the Attorney General's Office.

Mr. George Walker called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

Dr. Bill Smith began by explaining the differences between the Institutions of Higher Learning (IHL) Board and the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges. IHL is a governing board, having more say so in the day-to-day operations, while SBCJC is a coordinating board. Dr. Smith related that the IHL board was established by the legislature in the 1940's. A constitutional amendment was made in 2003 to change districting and board member term lengths. He is looking forward to working with Dr. David Potter, who has recently been appointed as Commissioner. Dr. Smith stated that he felt Dr. Potter's experience as a President in one of Mississippi's Universities will be a great asset to IHL. He also stated that he would like to see more coordination between the two Boards in terms of sharing data and working with the legislature. He commended the work of past Commissioner Ray Cleere in his efforts to establish the articulation agreement between the community colleges and the universities.

Dr. Evelyn Webb presented a handout entitled *Educational, Community and State Initiatives* (Attachment A). Dr. Webb summarized the mission and purpose of each initiative.

Mrs. Deborah Gilbert gave an update on the effort for a Memo of Understanding between the SBCJC and the Mississippi Department of Education (MDE) regarding post-secondary career and technical education. Dr. John Jordan, who recently chaired a meeting between MDE, SBCJC and others on April 12, stated that he was certain the details could be worked out and an agreement would be reached. A smaller working group was named to continue working on this effort, as follows: Dr. John Jordan, Mr. Donald Benjamin, Mr. Don Connerly, Mr. Dixon Mills; Mr. Mike Mulvihill, Dr. Wayne Stonecypher and Mrs. Deborah Gilbert. This

group will meet on May 20 to work on the finer points regarding federal funds, as well as other issues.

Dr. Stonecypher stated that he was very encouraged by the progress that is being made on this initiative. This will be a two-year agreement in the beginning, and there will be a need for someone on the SBCJC staff to work with the MDE office and the vocational-technical deans at the community colleges.

Mr. Jim Southward then gave an update on athletics. State Champions for the 2002-03 were as follows: Baseball – Itawamba; Softball – Gulf Coast; Golf – Meridian; Tennis – Itawamba Men and Meridian Women. Region XXIII winners include: Baseball – Meridian (Division I), Itawamba (Division II); and and Softball – Northeast Mississippi.

Mrs. Sara Fox and Mrs. Deborah Gilbert reviewed Finance agenda items as follows:

1. Budget Contingency Fund and Education Enhancement Fund for May 2003, in the amount of \$2,997,098.82;
2. Purchase of various WIA equipment in the amount of \$19,518.00;
3. The FY 2004 Administration Budget;
4. The Z-1 Administrative and Support Budget for FY 2004;
5. Guidelines for the Disbursement of Education Technology Funds for FY 2004;
6. Guidelines for Administration of Associate Degree Nursing Support for FY 2004;
7. Excess Telecommunications Bond fund distribution;
8. FY 2005 Support and Administration Budget request;
9. Financial Statements for 2291 and 3291 funds, as of April 30, 2003;
and
10. Federal Audit Related Party Forms.

Dr. Stonecypher discussed a handout that outlines which vocational/technical programs the SBCJC office recommends being approved. Several of the programs are recommended "Not Approve", due to the lack of funding from the State Department of Education. However, Dr. Stonecypher explained that there are some cases in which the SBCJC would approve programs that were not funded by MDE if funding is received from local resources.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.